

THE DAY AT WASHINGTON.

THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH QUESTION ASSUMING PROMINENCE.

Senator Sawyer Indignant at the Propriety of the Post Office Committee's Action. The Post Office Committee, under the leadership of Mr. Sawyer, has been the subject of much criticism for its handling of the postal telegraph question. Senator Sawyer, in a speech yesterday, expressed his indignation at the committee's actions, particularly its refusal to consider the interests of the public in the matter.

Gen. John C. Black, Commissioner of Penitentiaries, returned yesterday from an absence of several weeks, during which he had been engaged, as a member of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, in locating a branch home on the Pacific coast. The site selected was Santa Monica, Cal., fourteen miles from Los Angeles, on the shore of the Pacific. The people offered as inducement \$200,000 in cash, and Gen. Black says the climate is perfect. The site overlooks the ocean, is sheltered by mountains, and is easily accessible by railroads. The Commissioner says: "California cannot be overpraised. It is a land of sunshine, fruit, and flowers, and the most energetic people in energetic America. During the week preceding our arrival at Los Angeles, the climate was so perfect that the people of that town were more than one thousand people. This astounding condition of affairs prevails in a modified form throughout all southern California."

Eugene Higgins is the best-abused man that ever held office in the Department of the Treasury. He has prospered on abuse to such a degree that now that he has resigned his office it is feared that the duties of the place were never so well performed as during his tenure. He was a member of the Treasury Department for many years, and his name has become synonymous with financial mismanagement.

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"I found Mrs. Robbins," said Dr. Spier, "moribund and unconscious. She was quickly cupped and leeches, and there was a change for the better. On Monday night my assistant, Dr. Little, remained all night at the bedside, and while there one of the mind-cure men from New York came to the house, and was sent away. The mind-cure men, however, were missed by the family when he called."

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